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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

17 JAN 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, 1700 Defense Pentagon,
Washington, DC 20301-1700

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Response to the Fiscal Year 2024 Director, Operational
Test and Evaluation Annual Report

1. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Fiscal Year 2024 Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) Annual Report.
2. I appreciate the thoroughness of the report and the coordination between DOT&E and the Army. The Army acknowledges the importance of the oversight role of OSD activities. It is also imperative that the management and execution of test capabilities to address new technology challenges is best retained at the Service level, thereby appropriately aligning authority, responsibility, and resources. In general, this report accurately reflects the status of oversight programs in the Department of the Army.
3. The Army recognizes the challenges identified by DOT&E to test in the ever-evolving threat environment. The Army's research, development, test, and evaluation budget has prioritized funding, as resources permit, to procure representative kinetic and non-kinetic threats for emerging needs. Additionally, the Army continues to develop a live, virtual, constructive capability that connects test ranges enabling the scope, scale, and complexity necessary to create a realistic multi-domain environment at an affordable cost which otherwise would not be possible using current physical ranges and open-air testing.
4. We look forward to working with your office to ensure we continue to provide effective capabilities to our Soldiers in support of the Joint Force. Thank you for your continued support of Army programs and our Soldiers.
5. My point of contact for this action is Ms. Laura Pegher, 571-256-9438 or laura.i.pegher.civ@army.mil.


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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

JAN 15 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION

SUBJECT: Department of the Navy Comments on the Fiscal Year 2024 Director Operational Test and Evaluation Annual Report

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) annual report final draft. I appreciate the collaboration and work your team did with the Systems Commands, Program Executive Offices, and Program Management Offices to ensure the report is technically correct and meets all public releasability requirements.

Upon final review, the Department of the Navy is satisfied that the FY 2024 DOT&E annual report as written meets both of those criteria.

I look forward to continuing and strengthening the collaboration with DOT&E and the Offices of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering Acquisition and Sustainment, and the other services as we continue to implement efficient and effective Integrated Test and Evaluation throughout 2025.

Carlos Del Toro

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SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

JAN 31 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION

SUBJECT: Department of the Air Force Response to Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Director,
Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) Annual Report

I appreciate the opportunity to review the FY24 report. Holistically, this report reflects an accurate status of oversight programs in the Department of the Air Force (DAF) and identifies the challenges and opportunities of resourcing the Department of Defense test enterprise.

Recognizing the dynamic nature of test and evaluation activities, the DAF submits the following errata to this year's report:

- MH-139A Grey Wolf (pg 339-340): The final decision to base MH-139A aircraft in the Air Force District of Washington has not yet been made in light of ongoing program adjustments and strategic basing considerations.
- Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX) (pg 356): The Space Force is committed to deliver the OCX system to operators in CY2025. In CY2024, the Space Force reassessed the remaining test campaign activities and developed a new plan to deliver the system to operations as soon as possible in 2025, prior to submission of the Defense Department (DD) Form 250. The new test schedule reflects ready to transition to operations (RTO) in June 2025 and operational acceptance in January 2026. The program is able to meet these dates by accelerating the start of Integrated System Test (IST) 3-1 to be performed in parallel with Site Acceptance Test. Furthermore, instead of requiring Government acceptance of the system via a submitted DD Form 250 as a prerequisite to commencing IST 3-1, acceptance will be granted later during RTO when the system is fully delivered. Early start of IST 3-1 testing allows for quicker discovery of system issues by operators and speeds up resolution.
- Military-Code GPS User Equipment (MGUE) Increment 1 (pg 357): The Space Force has mitigated delay impacts by reaching Destroyers (DDG) Program Executive Office (PEO) certification and changing the Aviation Domain lead platform from the B-2 to the Army MQ-1C Gray Eagle. These efforts will expedite Aviation PEO Certification, speed fielding of the Aviation/Maritime Card, and hasten MGUE delivery to the warfighter.

The DAF looks forward to continuing the partnership with DOT&E required to meet the test needs of Airmen and Guardians now and in the future.



Gary A. Ashworth
Acting Secretary of the Air Force

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